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SUBJECT: POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS OF KILLING OF TWO POLICEMEN  
BY RIGHTIST EXTREMIST

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SUMMARY. THE KILLING OF TWO POLICE AGENTS BY A SUSPECTED  
NEO-FASCIST EXTREMIST ON JANUARY 24 HAS STIRRED POLEMICS  
ON THE NATURE OF THE NEO-FASCIST THREAT AND ABOUT LAW AND  
ORDER PROPOSALS RECENTLY ADVANCED BY CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC  
PARTY SECRETARY FANFANI. END SUMMARY.

1. TWO POLICE AGENTS WERE SHOT DEAD AND A THIRD SERIOUSLY  
WOUNDED IN THE CENTRAL ITALIAN TOWN OF EMPOLI THE EVENING  
OF JANUARY 24 BY A YOUNG MAN, MARIO TUTI, SUSPECTED OF  
NEO-FASCIST TIES. THE POLICE PATROL INVOLVED HAD A WARRANT  
TO SEARCH TUTI'S APARTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH AN INVESTIGA-  
TION OF THE BOMBING OF THE ROME-FLORENCE RAIL LINE JANUARY 6.  
THIS INVESTIGATION HAD ALREADY LED TO THE ARREST OF TWO  
NEO-FASCIST EXTREMISTS WHO CLAIMED MEMBERSHIP IN A GROUP  
CALLED THE QUOTE NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY FRONT UNQUOTE.  
A SUBSTANTIAL ARMS CACHE WAS FOUND DURING THE SEARCH. AFTER  
FIRING ON THE POLICE AGENTS, TUTI ESCAPED BY CAR AND IS  
CURRENTLY THE OBJECT OF A MASSIVE MANHUNT.

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2. THE BRUTAL KILLINGS HAVE PROVOKED UNANIMOUS CONDEMNATION

FROM ALL POLITICAL SECTORS, INCLUDING THE FAR RIGHT MSI PARTY WHICH PREDICTABLY HAS DENIED ANY TIES WITH THE MURDERER. THE POLITICAL LEFT IS POINTING TO THE EMPOLI CASE AS CONFIRMATION OF ITS THESIS THAT ALL ORGANIZED POLITICAL VIOLENCE COMES FROM THE FAR RIGHT. CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DC) SECRETARY FANFANI, WHO RUSHED TO BEDSIDE OF THE WOUNDED OFFICER, SUBSEQUENTLY MADE A VIGOROUS PLEA FOR SUPPORT OF HIS RECENT LAW AND ORDER PROPOSALS (ROME 983). FANFANI ALSO ISSUED A VEILED WARNING THAT THE DC WOULD GO IT ALONE IF NECESSARY IF OTHER FORCES (I.E. THE SOCIALISTS) IN THE GOVERNMENT MAJORITY DO NOT SUPPORT DC EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC ORDER.

3. COMMENT. THE EMPOLI KILLINGS ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE POLARIZATION OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION AT A TIME WHEN POLITICAL DEBATE IS BEING INCREASINGLY INFLUENCED BY PRE-ELECTORAL CONSIDERATIONS. VOLPE

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